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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1, 19-39 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 19, 20, 25-30 and 35 have been cancelled. No claims have been added.

The Examiner indicated that Claims 21-24 and 31-34 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating this and respectfully submits that the following remarks are directed to the remaining pending claims.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 19, 20, 25-34 and claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by D'Souza (U.S. 6,446,218). Claims 1, 19, 20, 25-34 and 35 have been cancelled. Therefore, the rejection has been obviated.

The Examiner indicated that claims 36-39 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 36-39 to include substantially all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants submit that Claims 36 as amended are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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